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**PROCEEDING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF MONTANA  
February 20, 2007**

**Present:** Commissioners Lythgoe and Weber; Matt Johnson, County Attorney; Ernie Kennison, Stephanie Mehus

**Absent:** Commissioner Notbohm

**REPORTS**

Receipt of January expense and revenue reports from the Clerk and Recorder.

**CALENDAR REVIEW**

- 2/21 Meet with Great West - 10:00  
JLDC - 2:00  
Horizons - Boulder - 7:00
- 2/22 Elected Official/Department Head meeting - 9:00  
Legislature - 3:00
- 2/26 Center for Mental Health meeting - Great Falls - 9:30

**COMMISSION REPORTS**

**MACo CONFERENCE**

Commissioner Weber reported that he and Commissioner Lythgoe attended the MACo conference the previous week. The Hard Rock Mining Counties decided that they will start paying dues, and the fee schedule will be sent out shortly. Commissioner Lythgoe stated that the road day was pretty good. However, a speaker was brought in from D.C. to discuss RS-2477 and he didn't do a very good job. No one understood what he was talking about.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Commissioner Weber read a letter from Stephanie Mehus (on file in the Clerk and Recorder's office).

Commissioner Weber stated that the Commission has received a letter from the MACo Forested  
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Counties requesting letters of support for Secure Rural Schools and Communities funding. A letter will be sent.

### **ITEMS FOR COMMISSIONERS ACTION OR REVIEW**

#### **DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REQUEST FOR PILT DOLLARS**

Matt Johnson, County Attorney, stated that every year when he sets the budget, he tries to set it at the level set by the previous county attorney. His budget always gets lowered, with the promise that PILT is available if needed. This has worked well in the past. He has had a heavy case load this year, and there is the potential for five rape trials before June. These will require experts, housing, etc. Therefore, he is requesting \$10,000 from PILT. Commissioner Weber asked Matt how comfortable he is with \$10,000; will that be enough. Matt stated that he is hoping to ride it out. He noted that he could ask for more if it is needed. Commissioner Lythgoe asked if there is a chance that any of these trials will go away. Matt stated that this is not likely.

Commissioner Lythgoe moved to allocate \$10,000 from PILT to the County Attorney's 350 fund. Commissioner Weber seconded. The motion carried.

#### **TAMMY JOHNSON - PRESENT RECOMMENDATION ON PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY**

Commissioner Weber stated that this item has been moved to the February 27<sup>th</sup> agenda.

Commissioner Lythgoe moved to adjourn. Commissioner Weber seconded. The motion carried.

### **MEETING ADJOURNED**

#### **ATTEST:**

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**BONNIE RAMEY**  
**CLERK AND RECORDER**

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